In response to the COVID 19 coronavirus emergency and consistent with Federal, New Jersey State and local government direction, the Department continues to abide by recommended and mandated precautions to limit the possible spread of the virus. Based on current governmental guidelines and restrictions, most Pesticide Continuing Education Unit (CEU) classroom courses scheduled after mid-March have been cancelled. The Department has also cancelled scheduled exams and is currently not able to offer any pesticide exams for recertification purposes.

To accommodate recertification for applicators with licenses expiring this year on October 31, 2020, effective immediately the Department will allow 100% online CEUs for these individuals. To verify if you are eligible, please click HERE. Eligible individuals will also receive an email or mailed letter from the Department regarding this change. There are numerous online CEU courses already available and many course providers are transitioning classroom courses to new online formats. For a list of available online CEU courses and providers, please click HERE. This list will be updated as new online courses and existing course transitions to online formats are approved.

NOTE that with this provision, there is no expectation to extend license expiration dates – please get the training needed now online. At present, those expiring in 2021 and beyond are held to the current standard with a maximum of 25% online training CEUs.

Please be advised that due to existing COVID emergency restrictions, most Department staff are working remotely with very limited office coverage. Therefore, please be patient but assured that we will return phone calls and emails as quickly as possible. In addition, updated program information will be provided on the Department's website at www.pcpnj.org.

In summary:

- Licensed applicators with an October 31, 2020 recertification cycle expiration date may obtain up to 100% of required Core and Category CEUs through online courses. Online courses will not exceed 4 hours of online instruction but longer courses may be split into multiple days of shorter instruction time.
- Click <u>HERE</u> for a complete list of licensed applicators eligible for 100% online credits for recertification. If your name is not on this list, you may only obtain up to 2 Core and up to 4 Category credits online for licenses expiring in 2021 or later.
- Click <u>HERE</u> for a list of online courses and providers.
- The Department is NOT extending any pesticide licenses expiring October 31, 2020 at this time.